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**RESPONSE TO NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

This is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed January 2, 2009, in which the replacement sheets of drawings were not found. Applicant has describing in detail below, the drawings changes made in each of the drawing sheets.

**FEE CALCULATION**

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

X If checked, "Small Entity" status is claimed.

	NO. CLAIMS AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA PRESENT	RATE	ADDIT. FEE
TOTAL	10MINUS	20 * =	0 X	(\$25 SE or \$50)	\$ 0.00
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FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM			X	(\$185 SE or \$370)	\$ 0.00
TOTAL \$					0.00

\* not less than 20 \*\* not less than 3

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#### **SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS**

1. ☐ If checked, an abstract (an amended abstract) is submitted herewith.
2. ☒ If checked, amendment(s) to the drawings are submitted herewith.
3. ☐ If checked, amendment(s) to the specification are submitted herewith.
4. ☐ If checked, amendment(s) to the claims are submitted herewith.